LEIGH NEWS

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CHRIS LLOYD

On Monday we welcomed the author Chris Lloyd to Leigh. He gave a fascinating talk to the children and was incredibly impressed with our children's knowledge, interest and behaviour. Chris is the author of the 'What on Earth' wallbook series that tell the story of the planet, life and people from the beginning of time until the present day. The children were fascinated by Chris' books and they asked some very interesting and probing questions. Many thanks to Chris for coming into school and we hope that his visit provides further inspiration for the children's reading and writing.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES

These assessments are fast approaching and we have detailed what assessments will take place below. We are encouraging all the Year 6 children to come in on these days at 8am for some exercise (either cross country with myself or Yoga with Miss Taylor) and then we' ll serve them some breakfast of toast and cereal. We hope this will get the children fully focussed on their assessments and also be a lot of fun! **Please note that we will be using the hall every morning of SATs week, so any clubs that usually run in the morning in Jessica' s Hall will be cancelled.**

Monday 12th May	Reading
Tuesday 13th May	Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation
Wednesday 14th May	Mental Mathematics Written Mathematics Paper 1
Thursday 15th May	Written Mathematics Paper 2

YPRES

Now that we have increased the number of coaches to 3, we have a number of additional adult places available. If you know of any friends or family who would like to accompany us on this trip then please do let the school office know. The cost is £43 for the entire day.

PARENT MEETING

We are holding a Parent Meeting about our trip to Ypres on Thursday 5th June at 8pm. This will involve further information about where we will be going and final arrangements for the day itself.

Music Success

Congratulations to Michael Lake who has just passed his Grade 1 Tenor Horn exam with Merit. He played three pieces: All Night all Day, Postman Pat and Give me Oil in my Lamp as well as scales, aural tests and sight reading. Michael has been learning with Mr Davis since September and has made huge progress during this time. Congratulations Michael!

New Arrivals

Over the past couple of weeks Weasel Class have been hatching eggs in their classroom. Four very cute birds are now living with the Weasels and we're delighted to say that they seem to be thriving in their new environment. The children have been fantastic about making sure they are well looked after and if you would like to come in and meet our new arrivals then you are most welcome!

OUSTANDING WRITING

One of the genuine joys of my job is to be shown children's work that is truly outstanding and displays the excellent progress they are making. This week I have been lucky enough to see some stunning work from across the school and have been thrilled to hand out a number of Headteacher Awards. Amongst those I have seen this week is Leo Pearson who, along with the children in Owl Class, have been writing reports about the moon landing. The photograph shows Leo proudly showing off his fantastic writing and we congratulate him and all the children I have seen on their wonderful work.

PTA

We are still collecting ink cartridges so please do bring these to the Reception if you have any that can be recycled.

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 12th May at 1.45pm – ALL WELCOME!

MRS LUFFINGHAM

Yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs Luffingham who is going to work full time at Slade Primary School in Tonbridge. Mrs Luffingham has been working at Leigh since September 2011 and has been teaching Year 6 this year on a Thursday afternoon. We would like to thank Mrs Luffingham for everything she has done for the children at Leigh and to wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Simpson will be taking over from Mrs Luffingham and will be teaching Year 6 on a Thursday afternoon from next week.

Next Week's Theme –'Saying Sorry'

ORCHESTRA

We are looking for more members for our fantastic school orchestra. No experience of playing a musical instrument is required but if children are having music lessons then it's a great way to apply some of the skills they are learning. The club runs on a Wednesday after school from 3.15pm-4.15pm and is run by myself, Mrs McKenzie-Jones and Mrs Mills. If anyone is interested in joining then please do let the school office know. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Cross Country team who competed in a District event at the Knole Academy on Wednesday. There were 22 children in the Leigh team and everyone competed superbly. Our highest ranked competitor in each race was: Tom Carolan (Boys Yrs 5/6), Ellie McCutcheon (Girls Yrs 5&6), John Matthews (Boys Yrs 3/4) and Isabelle Sharpe (Girls Yrs 3/4). Congratulations to all who competed and many thanks to Mr Gubb for organising the team.

NETBALL

Congratulations to our superb netball team who have been awarded the 'Teamwork Trophy' for their wonderful work throughout last season. This trophy is awarded to the team who demonstrate the best teamwork and is a huge achievement. Many congratulations to the team and to Mr Gubb for his superb coaching skills!

Plants

We are looking for donations of small plants for the Key Stage 1 Playground. If you have any that you could donate then please speak with Mrs Marsh or Miss Oyler. Many thanks.

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday.

Events

5.5.14	Bank Holiday Monday (NO CHILDREN)
7.5.14	Cross Country Meeting at Chiddingstone
12.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests PTA Meeting (1.45pm)
13.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests
14.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests
15.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests
20.5.14	Book Club
22.5.14	Open Classroom Afternoon
23.5.14	End of Term 5
2.6.14	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN
3.6.14	Beginning of Term 6
3.6.14	Class Photographs (am)
4.6.14	Sports Day (1.30pm-3.00pm) PTA Meeting (8pm)
5.6.14	First Swim (Yrs 5&6) Parent Meeting for Ypres (8pm)
6.6.14	War Memories Afternoon (pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar